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The Leanna Hicks Public Library now is offering "curbside" service of book pickup and return, as final touches are completed on a new facility.

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Northville area seniors now have transportation to local shopping districts and nearby medical buildings through an expanded parks and recreation department program.

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Two new recruits, Odin and Rio, will soon be welcomed to K-9 unit of the Westland Police Department replacing retired canine officers.

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Communities explore water-purchasing consortium

The financial impact of the coronavirus pandemic is being felt in every community and a group of local officials are looking at cutting costs wherever possible.

Four Wayne County municipalities; Livonia, Westland, Canton Township and Northville Township, are pursuing a study to determine the feasibility of buying water from the Great Lakes Water Authority in bulk in an effort to cut costs to residents.

Officials from the four communities have paid a total of $43,000 for a four-month study to determine the financial impact of buying water as a group and a means of storing the water purchased for distribution in their respective communities. The four communities would, in effect, form a consortium to buy the water in bulk, which should drive the costs down, officials said. The consortium would buy water at off-peak times when rates are lower and store it for distribution to residents, hopefully lowering current residential water rates.

> *The effort, if pursued by the communities, would be called the Western Wayne Regional Water Authority.*

Further action on forming the consortium will be dependent on the findings of the study. Officials are hopeful that the effort could result in savings next year. The effort, if pursued by the communities, would be called the Western Wayne Regional Water Authority.

Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams said that he and the members of the board of trustees were excited to see the results of the study to determine the potential benefits to all the involved communities.

"This water-buying consortium is a great idea for our region," he said. The storage of the purchased water is a consideration, officials agreed. To store the water, the communities would have to be adjacent. Plymouth Township, which currently borders all four of the communities proposing the consortium has not committed to joining the effort or working with the others.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said he would like to see the other communities establish water storage facilities as the consortium as proposed could rely too heavily on the water tower in the township.

Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, however, is confident the plan will save money. He said he was confident the study would "provide tremendous long-term benefits to our communities."

There is a potential to bring other communities into the consortium, too, if local officials opt to move forward with the plan.

Currently, Livonia residents

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NOW THAT'S SCARY

Safety concerns impact trick or treating plans throughout area

If wearing a mask will prevent the transfer of the coronavirus, local children are all set for Halloween trick or treating.

Not so fast. Like so many other beloved traditions, decisions about trick or treating this year are impacted by the threat of the COVID 19 pandemic as reported cases and deaths rise across the country. Parents throughout the area are weighing the safety aspect of the holiday activities against the danger of the highly infectious disease.

Several communities have established some guidelines for the event while others continue to debate cancelling trick or treating in light of the risk of contamination.

Creativity is the name of the game this year, especially when it comes to figuring out how to celebrate this iconic American holiday during a pandemic.

NORTHVILLE

Designated hours in the City of Northville where the Historic District is usually visited by hundreds of costumed youngsters looking for treats and admiring the decorations will be from 6 until 8 p.m., although some neighborhoods have opted not to participate in the trick or treating adventure this year.

In Northville, the fire station will sound the siren at 6 p.m. to begin the activity and again at 8 p.m. to mark the close of trick or treating as happens every year.

While the City of Northville has no legal authority over the trick or treating aspect, members of the city council decided that there will be no additional street closures (aside from the Social District downtown), no costume judging at the Community Center, and no open house at the fire station. If trick or treating does occur in various neighborhoods, children should be told not to go to houses where the porch light is not on.

Other activities suggested to help celebrate the event safely include: outdoor pumpkin carving; scavenger hunts - with members of the household or a small group of friends, keeping 6-feet apart from people outside the immediate household and decorating outside.

Residents can place grab-and-go goodie bags on porches or a table in the driveway for trick or treaters or even host an outdoor costume party - keeping social distance and wearing a mask.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has listed traditional trick-or-treating; trunk-or-treating; indoor costume parties of more than 10 people not wearing masks; haunted houses (especially if crowded and people are screaming) and hayrides with people outside the immediate household as high risk this year.

Health officials also children to wash their hands immediately on returning if they do go trick or treating and parents may want to use a disinfectant wipe on candy wrappers before opening the goodies. The CDC also warns children not to wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be hard to breathe. Instead, officials suggest, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.

Residents who choose to hand out candy should wear a mask and do so from across from a table.

PLYMOUTH

In Plymouth, officials have received numerous questions about the Halloween events and noted that the holiday has never been a city-sanctioned event, but rather a nationally recognized day. Plymouth is not involved in Halloween activities, such as trick or treating, other than announcing the suggested hours which are 5:30 to 7p.m. this year and that houses participating in trick or treating should have porch lights on. City officials said they have no legal authority or basis

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Coronavirus safety orders issued by county health officials

Residents throughout the state have expressed confusion regarding the current health regulations regarding the current pandemic, particularly in light of the increased number of reported cases of COVID 19 and the rising death toll in the state.

Wayne County officials issued a new emergency public health order last week to help slow the spread of COVID-19. A release states that the order echoes the orders first presented by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's administration.

> *We are keeping the COVID-19 rules and regulations in place from before the Michigan Supreme Court ruled on the governor's authority to issue them.*

"We are keeping the COVID-19 rules and regulations in place from before the Michigan Supreme Court ruled on the governor's authority to issue them," Wayne County Executive Warren Evans said. "Wayne County's order is simple: keep wearing masks in public; no group events larger than 10 people or 20 percent

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Water

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pay $5.19 for every 750 gallons, Westland residents pay $4.42 per 1,000 gallons, Canton residents pay $6.23 per 1,000 gallons and Northville Township residents pay $6.53 per 1,000 gallons.

The consortium is an effort to reduce those rates, officials said.

"Westland is proud to be a partner in this innovative regional approach to leverage the combined purchasing power of our four communities to potentially lower the cost of delivering clean water to our residents and business owners," Westland Mayor Bill Wild said.

Results of the four-month study are expected in February.

Health

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attendance per 1,000 square-feet of space; and, employers must still provide health screenings for employees working in public areas or with the public. These are the rules we are accustomed to and they are the rules we are going to follow until there is clearer direction from the state."

The emergency order is immediately in effect, and will likely remain in effect until the end of the month, officials noted.

Additionally, the county requires residents and businesses under jurisdiction of the Wayne County Public Health Department to continue wearing face masks while in public spaces; limit group events to 10 people or less, or in the case of arena or entertainment event and with fixed seating, limit attendance to 20 percent of the venue seating capacity to allow for social distancing.

The order will continue protections for residents of long-term care facilities and screen employees for COVID-19 symptoms. Schools in Wayne County must also continue to follow the state Return to School plan.

County officials said the measures will continue to be enforced and violations will be subject to citation and penalties.

"Wayne County residents and businesses recognize the importance these health safety measures play in reducing the spread of COVID-19, and we have seen strong compliance across our 43 communities," Evans said.

"This order just makes it clear that Wayne County is going to continue with the public health safety rules everyone is accustomed to and that are showing results in slowing the spread of this disease."

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REQUEST FOR
ZONING VARIANCE

The Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 19, 2020 regarding the request for the following dimensional variance.

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

The Township is in receipt of an application requesting a dimensional variance to construct a 1,728 square-foot accessory structure on a ±0.33 acre parcel. Per Section 5.3(a)(4) of the zoning ordinance, parcels 0.5 acres or less are permitted a maximum aggregate gross floor area of 1,200 square feet for accessory structures. The gross floor area of the proposed accessory structure exceeds the zoning ordinance standards and requires a dimensional variance of 528 square feet.

SITE LOCATION

The site of the requested dimensional variance is 48615 Willis Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask question, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
SUMPTER TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN
NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP:
Notice is hereby given that General Election will be held in Sumpter Township on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

AT THE FOLLOWING POLLING LOCATIONS:
Precinct 1 & 3 Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Road
Precinct 2 Moose Lodge, 45476 Harris Road
Precinct 5 Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Road
Precinct 4 & 6 Fire Station #1, 20550 Sumpter Road

For the purposes of electing a candidate to the following office(s):

PARTISAN-STRAIGHT PARTY; PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, UNITED STATES SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 12th DISTRICT, REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 17th DISTRICT, MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGENT OF THE U OF M, TRUSTEE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, GOVERNOR OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF, WAYNE COUNTY CLERK, WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER, WAYNE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS, WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER 11th DISTRICT, SUMPTER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR, CLERK, TREASURER, TRUSTEES

NONPARTISAN; JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT, JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS 1ST DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION, JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3RD CIRCUIT INCUMBENT POSITION, JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3rd CIRCUIT NON-INCUMBENT POSITION, JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3rd CIRCUIT INCUMBENT POSITION PARTIAL TERM ENDING 01/01/2023, JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT INCUMBENT POSITION, JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT 34TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION, BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBER WAYNE COUNT COMMUNITY COLLEGE 9TH DISTRICT, BOARD MEMBER BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY, AND BOARD MEMBER BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY PARTIAL TERM ENDING 12/31/2022

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT-BOARD MEMBER; AIRPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOARD MEMBER AIRPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTIAL TERM ENDING 12/31/2022, BOARD MEMBERS LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOARD MEMBER VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOARD MEMBER HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Please take notice that the residents of Sumpter Township will be voting on the following proposals as presented and listed below:

STATE PROPOSAL-PROPOSAL 20-1
A proposed constitutional amendment to allow money from oil and gas mining on state owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spent This proposed constitutional amendment would: • Allow the State Parks Endowment Fund to continue receiving money from sales of oil and gas from state-owned lands to improve, maintain and purchase land for State parks, and for Fund administration, until its balance reaches $800,000,000. • Require subsequent oil and gas revenue from state-owned lands to go into the Natural Resources Trust Fund. • Require at least 20% of Endowment Fund annual spending go toward State park improvement. • Require at least 25% of Trust Fund annual spending go toward parks and public recreation areas and at least 25% toward land conservation.

STATE PROPOSAL-PROPOSAL 20-2
A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications This proposed constitutional amendment would: • Prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person's electronic data and electronic communications. • Require a search warrant to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications, under the same conditions currently required for the government to obtain a search warrant to search a person's house or seize a person's things.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT-REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
WAYNE RESA PROPOSAL- Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local constituent public school districts including eligible public-school academies within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count. As a renewal of authority which expires with the 2021 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2 mills ($2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2022 to 2027, inclusive, to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately $90.4 million when first levied in 2022. The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to public school academies within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency which are eligible to receive enhancement millage under the Revised School Code and the following school districts: Allen Park Public Schools, Crestwood School District, Dearborn City School District, Dearborn Heights School District #7, Detroit Public Schools Community District, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, School District of the City of Garden City, Gibraltar School District ,Grosse Ile Township Schools ,The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Hamtramck Public Schools City of Harper Woods Schools, School District of the City of Highland Park, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools, Melvindale – Northern Allen Park Schools, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Redford Union School District, River Rouge School District, Riverview Community School District, Romulus Community Schools, Southgate Community School District, South Redford School District, Taylor School District, Trenton Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Community School District Westwood Community Schools, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Wyandotte City School District.

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Sumpter Township office located at 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111. Sample ballots can also be found at www.mi.gov/vote and www.sumptertwp.org.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Sumpter Township
Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment
To the qualified electors of the Sumpter Township, Wayne County, State of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precinct 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 for the General Election is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sumpter Township Community Gymnasium, located at 23501 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.

Esther Hurst
Sumpter Township Clerk
(734) 461-6201

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 5, 2020
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATION

Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Councilman Wadsworth

Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Dudek - Technology Director; Joshua Monte - Police Captain; Kathy Hood - Deputy Director of DPW; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney

1. Agenda
A. Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the agenda as amended

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes
A **Res. #20-258** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on September 28, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

B. **Res. #20-259** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the special meeting(s) held on September 28, 2020 - 6:30pm, Closed Session: Attorney Opinion

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner
No petitioners at this time

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem
A. **Res. #20-260** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to continue to hold meetings of the City Council via Zoom until such time deemed by the Council and at the recommendation of legal counsel that all appropriate CDC recommendations for the health and safety of the elected officials and public in attendance can be met and guidelines are less restrictive to allow for a more reasonable number of members of the public can be in attendance throughout the meeting of the City Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb
Nays - Williams
Motion Carried.

Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Chairperson's Report

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
A. **Res. #20-261** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to accept and concur with the administration to adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County for the 2019 Justice Assistance Grant funding program award to the City of Romulus and accept monies from Wayne County Department of Homeland Security in the amount of $12,10.00

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

B. **Res. #20-262** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept and concur with the administration and consent to Piggyback on MiDeal Contract #07B7700181 for the purchase of five (5) 2021 Ford Police Utility Interceptors, from Gorno Ford at a total costs of $182,260 including options and delivery

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
A. **Res. #20-263** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to accept the Second Reading, Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-6 Library; introduced at 9/28/20 regular city council meeting

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

B. **Res. #20-264** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to accept the Second Reading, Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-7 Library; introduced at 9/28/20 regular city council meeting

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

C. **Res. #20-265** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the Second Reading, Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-8 Library; introduced at 9/28/20 regular city council meeting

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

D. **Res. #20-266** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to accept the Second Reading, Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-9 Public Safety; introduced at 9/28/20 regular city council meeting

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

E. **Res. #20-267** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the Study Session Request from Kevin Losen, H.R. Director for 10/12/20 @ 6:30pm

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment - Citizens are to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. All citizens wishing to speak will be heard.
A resident inquired as to the location, construction, and lack of transparency of the Kroger Fulfillment Center

9. Unfinished Business
Councilwoman Roscoe addressed resident's question posed in public comment portion of meeting Mayor Burcroff made additional comments and clarification as to the Councilwoman Roscoe's statement.

10. New Business

11. Warrant
Agenda amended to strike item from agenda

12. Communication
Councilwoman Talley thanked the mayor for additional information on Kroger Fulfillment Center. She thanked Senior Center Director, Rose Swidan, for her hard work at the Senior Center and all participants for the cornhole tournament. Councilwoman Webb thanked Finance Director, Maria Farris, for her itemized list of the Senior Center expenses. Councilwoman Roscoe informed of Waste Management's extended pickup days. She also gave Waste Management customer service number if residents are unsure as to what is proper to throw out or what type of trash will be picked up. Councilwoman Williams announced that Forgotten Harvest will resume next Tuesday from 12pm - 3pm. Councilman Wadsworth communicated the appreciation of the family who Director Swidan assisted in getting a 4 wheel walker.

13. Adjournment
Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 5, 2020.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

School board candidates cite need for communication

Julie Brown
Special Writer

The issue of social media, as well as official communication channels, "has gotten some school districts in issues," noted Susan Rowe of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

She moderated a recent candidate forum for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, which can be viewed on YouTube and at the LWVnorthwestwayne.org website.

Three candidates are to be voted on for the six-year terms: Rob Baty, Lauren Christensen, Patrick Kehoe, John T. Lazarowicz (a current board trustee), Michael B. Lloyd, Jeannie Moody-Novak, Sheryl Picard, Gina Thibault, Christopher Vos, and Shawn H. Wilson. Sebastien Osterag and Anupam Chugh Sidhu, the current board vice president, are vying for a partial Plymouth-Canton term ending Dec. 31, 2022.

"Communication is one of the areas we actually need to improve," said Kehoe, the current board treasurer. In the Oct. 8 taped forum, Rowe asked about use of social media to inform district residents. Kehoe noted it is key to make clear if you are speaking for yourself "and not the board."

Said Ostertag, 20, a Plymouth-Canton alumnus now in college, "There's a lot of misinformation on social media." He and district parent/candidate Wilson noted use of email is often effective.

"Content is king and it's how people are absorbing information." Sidhu noted current district policy exists on email, Wilson said.

"We're asking our students to be digital citizens. We need to lead by example," stated Christensen. Candidate/parent Thibault noted, "The board should be speaking with one voice," as parents can be confused by conflicting messages.

Whether learning should be online or in person during the pandemic is a key issue in Plymouth-Canton. Several candidates at the LWV forum said teachers, although dedicated, needed more time to prepare for online teaching.

> *When people are making sound decisions about who represents them we all benefit. That is a benefit to all of us.*

"I think the teachers actually had very short notice. I really feel for the teachers," Thibault commented.

Said Moody-Novak of online access, "It doesn't work for everybody," as some district families lack printer and scanner access.

"I think we can learn from this," both from other school districts and how to address problems with interruptions in connections, explained Vos.

Said Moody-Novak, "We knew back in March that this was a problem" when the pandemic began. She favors a method for teachers to contact the school board anonymously, adding teacher training for remote learning came too late.

Participating candidates responded also to a question on teaching cursive handwriting, their being in favor, as well as on curriculum and diversity. Wilson is black, and noted treatment concerns on his daughters' education.

Ostertag cited in the forum Plymouth Canton Educational Park (PCEP) teens working to retire "the R word" for developmentally delayed people. Wilson cited equity for students, parents, and teachers, and the board, along with mental health issues.

He added that equity matters "so we can grow the education system in Plymouth-Canton," and was among several citing mental health.

Ostertag noted, "I believe I bring a new perspective" in part by age and still knowing PCEP students' issues. He also praised his teachers, who went beyond their contract requirements when he was in school.

The LWVnorthwestwayne.org website has other school board forums available to view, including Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The League is a volunteer group founded in 1920 for voter education and advocacy, but doesn't endorse candidates.

Members have also printed Voter Guides and delivered those to the region's public libraries where they are now available.

"I wish everybody would appreciate how local elections impact their lives. Those are the people that can impact our lives," commented Paula Bowman, president of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

"We have had plenty of work to do remotely and in print," said Bowman of the local LWV volunteers

"When people are making sound decisions about who represents them we all benefit. That is a benefit to all of us," said Bowman, also a vice president for the state League of Women Voters.

Coffee break

Waltonwood Cherry Hill associates celebrated the fifth annual National Coffee With A Cop Day by serving freshly brewed coffee and house-made pastries to Canton Township Police officers on Wed., Oct. 7. Several patrol cars arrived on the scene to enjoy the treat, behind masks, of course with staff from Waltonwood Cherry Hill.

Clerk offering Saturday hours

Canton Township Clerk Michael Siegrist, along with several other clerks in the area, will have special office hours this month in anticipation of the large voter turnout for the Nov. 3 election.

The clerk's office will be open every Saturday this month to help meet voter needs. The Saturday hours are for election business only, and all other township departments will be closed to the public. The office will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Oct. 24 and from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct.31.

Voters are also encouraged to visit mi.gov/vote. This link takes users directly to the Michigan Voter Information webpage where visitors can verify voter registration; register to vote; request and track absentee ballots; find the correct polling place; view a sample ballot and other services.

Absentee ballots in Canton were mailed Sept. 24 and anyone who has not received their requested ballot should contact Siegrist's office at (734) 394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
November 12, 2020

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Greg Greco, John Badeen.
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Minutes:
Sept 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Approval of Agenda

General Calendar:

1) Applicant, Bruce Michael, for property located on the north side of Cherry Hill Road between Lotz Road and the eastern Township boundary, Zoning R-4. Appealing Section 2.24(A). The variances are as follows from the required 25-foot wetland setback for 2-unit residential buildings: Building 4 (23' variance for building; 23' variance for deck/patio); Building 5 (14' variance for building; 23' variance for deck/patio); Building 6 (20.75' variance for building; 25' variance for deck/patio); Building 7 (15.97' variance for building); Building 8 (19.21' variance for building; 25' variance for deck/patio); Building 9 (19.43' variance for building and deck/patio); Building 10 (19.61' variance for building; 25' variance for deck/patio); Building 11 (19.44' variance for building; 25' variance for deck/patio); and associated road fill (25' variance). Parcel IDs 71-052-99-0042-000, 71-052-99-0044-001, and 71-052-99-0044-002 (Planning)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton. Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.
A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 5, 2020 for the following:

AQUATIC TILE REPLACEMENT AT SUMMIT ON THE PARK

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, November 9, 2020** at the **Village Theater at Cherry Hill located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road** at ***7:00 p.m.*** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

BERKSHIRE APARTMENTS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (Final PDD) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A FINAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT on Parcel No. 061-99-0006-707 (1315 Waterside) pursuant to Section 27.04 of Appendix A - Zoning. Property is located north of Saltz Road between Canton Center and Beck Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, November 5, 2020 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Greg Greene, Chairman
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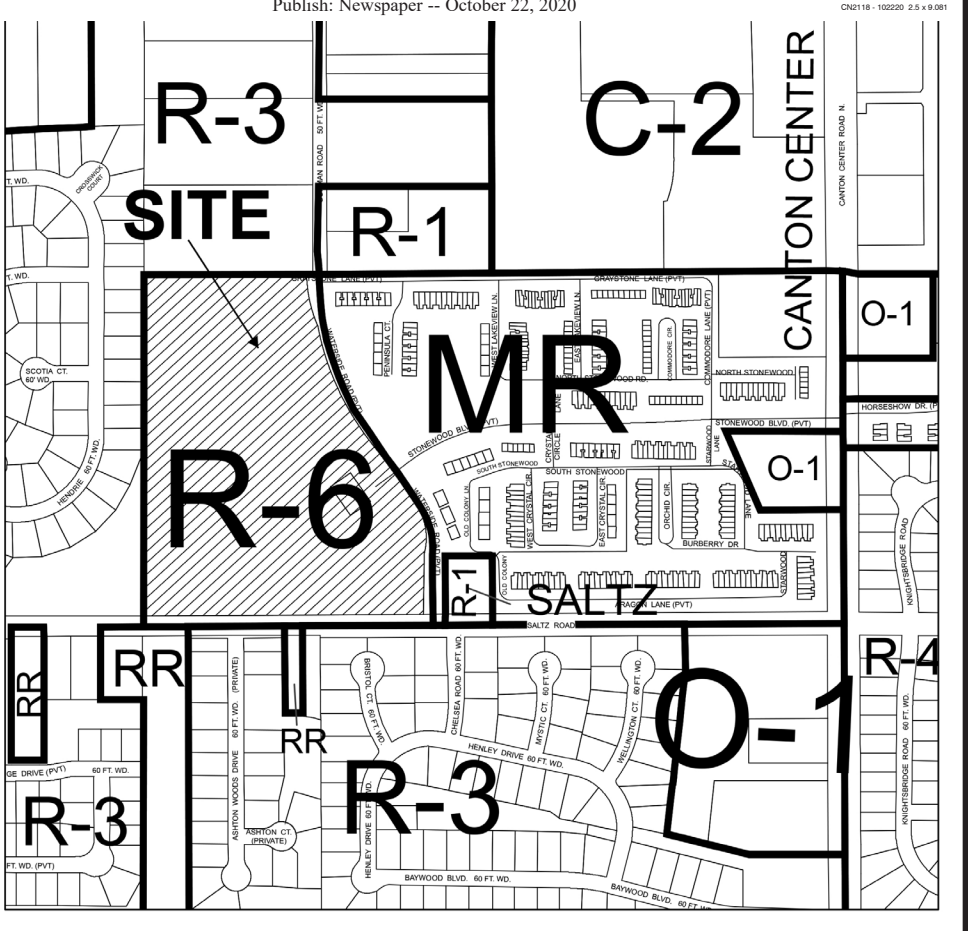

Berkshire Apartments 061-PDDF-6267

Zoning

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RA RURAL AGRICULTURAL	R-4 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	C-2 COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL	LI LIGHT INDUSTRIAL
RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL	R-5 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	C-3 REGIONAL COMMERCIAL	LI-R RESEARCH PARK
RE RURAL ESTATE	R-6 SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL	C-4 INTERCHANGE SERVICE	GI GENERAL INDUSTRIAL
R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	MR MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	O-1 OFFICE	
R-2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	RMH MOBILE HOME PARK	MRD MID-RISE DEVELOPEMENT	

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CANTON Community

Wayne - Westland

Westland OK's purchase of 2 new K-9 officers

Two new recruits will soon be welcomed to the Westland Police Department.

Members of the city council approved the purchase of two German Shepherds for the department, along with essential equipment for the new 'officers,' training and certifications for the police department. The $25,200 expense for the new canines was funded in part by donations to the Westland Police Community Partnership Foundation, donations from community organizations and Westland Police Drug Forfeiture Funds. Future training costs of $1700 annually will be funded through the police operating budget.

The department has retired both of the police K9 Unit dogs, during the past two years, explained Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik during the Oct. 5 meeting of the city council.

"K9s Hemi and Narco served the City of Westland well," Jedrusik said. "We are now ready to move into the next generation of Police K9 Service."

Ofc. Andrew Teschendorf and Ofc. Derek Trosper were selected to become the new K9 handlers in the department working with new K-9 officers Odin and Rio.

The Westland Police Department has partnered with The K9 Academy Training located in Taylor for the past 25 years, officials said and added that The K9 Academy is one of the most highly respected Police K9 Training centers in the State of Michigan.

The dogs will be purchased, trained and certified through the program which will begin this month.

Both officers will be required to complete a 4-month training academy with their canine partners and the team will be required to pass an extensive certification course as part of this training. The K9 team will continue weekly training to maintain their skills consisting of life-like scenarios which officers may come across while on patrol, officials said.

Odin

Rio

Champions of Wayne program attracts 'star power'

The Champions of Wayne program is receiving some star power to help offset the financial impact of the coronavirus pandemic on fundraising efforts.

The innovative program at Wayne Memorial High School has repeatedly produced head-turning scholastic results and has caught the attention of educators across the country, according to Executive Director Deborah Vigliarolo.

In addition to educators, the program has become a cause for actors and Wayne graduates Antoine McKay and Gregory Jbara who will make special appearances Nov. 14 at the virtual VIP movie screening of "Unclaimed" in which McKay stars. Jbara is well known for his continuing role on the TV series Blue Bloods. with Tom Selleck.

To help offset some of the funding losses of the program, the program, John Goci, owner of US 12 Bar and Grill, will donate 50 percent of all food sales from any guest to the Champions of Wayne program until Nov. 14. Goci, a former Wayne Westland Board of Education member, said all guests need to do is request the donation be made at the time of service.

"I love the program. Bill Gray who was one of the founders of the program was a mentor to my little brother, Scott, and helped guide him to become the great father and businessman he is today. I figured since we have a new menu and wanted to get some feedback and help out the Champions of Wayne at the same time, why not help local kids thrive," Goci said.

> *We've seen two out of three students improve their academic achievements and reach a potential they never felt possible.*

The program offers a financial reward to students who reach specific scholastic and grade-level goals.

Champions of Wayne combines mentoring, incentives, and goal-setting to bolster culture and scholastic achievement. Beginning as a grassroots program in 2009 with a trophy and a #2 pencil, Champions of Wayne has grown to a 501c3 nonprofit and serves as a beacon to other schools in the state.

Once measured as a below-average high school, Wayne Memorial has now been recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of America's best high schools for two consecutive years and has recent graduates attending colleges including Stanford, Harvard, Georgetown as well as record admissions to Michigan State University and the University of Michigan.

"We've seen two out of three students improve their academic achievements and reach a potential they never felt possible," said Vigliarolo.

"Champions of Wayne has been an integral part of the changes to Wayne Memorial," said school principal James Anderson. "The program has been a cornerstone in shaping the student-oriented culture at Wayne Memorial."

For complete information on Champions of Wayne and ways to help, visit www.championsofwayne.org

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59. Auctions

Copart has vehicles up for public auction Tuesday 10/27/20 at 10 AM at www.copart.com:

2001 GMC DENALI
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2008 SATU VUE XE
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2007 CHRYSLER
PT CRUISER
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NORTHVILLE

Farmers' Market reports strong seasonal sales

Officials from the Northville Chamber of Commerce and vendors at the Farmers' Market in the community are heading into end of the season with a sense of accomplishment for managing a successful marketplace despite the challenges of working amid COVID-19 prevention measures.

"The majority of our vendors are farmers/growers and probably did as well or better than in the past," said Jody Humphries, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce.

The 27-week season (two weeks short of normal) began with an opening day thunderstorm on May 14 that subsided in the afternoon. The last market day this season will be Thursday, Oct. 29 - just two days before Halloween.. The hour from 8 until 9 a.m. is reserved for seniors older than 60 and people with health concerns. The market takes place at the corner of Center/Sheldon and West Seven Mile Road with overflow parking at Northville Downs.

In March and April, opening the market was somewhat in doubt. Because it takes place outdoors and essential items were being sold, the sale was allowed by state orders. Officials said that the venture was a balancing act between sales and safety. Vendors were limited to only growers and food vendors and organizers had to develop new methods of conducting business to keep the virus at bay - following the guidelines of the Michigan Farmers Market Association and the governor's executive orders.

> *Besides the mask requirement and social-distance layout, on some days you would not know the difference between this year and last year.*

One of the challenges was ensuring that everyone was wearing a mask. "We had to be the mask police on a number of occasions but overall it worked out," said Humphries.

The size of the market was reduced by half--from 70 vendors to approximately 35 vendors--to allow for social distancing. A new parking plan was instituted with one-way in and one-way out.

The back of the market was designated as a "touchless" pick-up area, where shoppers who had placed an order with individual vendors could retrieve items which proved a popular service.

Several new vendors came to market. Two of them - Good Sense Coffee and Polish Pride of Michigan--were "closed out of their usual events (festivals, etc.) and looking for a place to land," noted Humphries. The market also gained another meat vendor and a vendor selling sweets.

The market attracts about 1,000 shoppers on a good weather day.

"Besides the mask requirement and social-distance layout, on some days you would not know the difference between this year and last year," Humphries said. "The community loves this market and we love the community. We are happy we could make it happen."

If the coronavirus is still a threat next spring and summer, Humphries said, "We will abide by the CDC rulings and be as safe as need be. If we have to mirror our current operating procedures, we will do so.

Senior Services adds 2 vans

Northville area seniors now have transportation to local shopping districts and Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and nearby medical buildings through an expanded parks and recreation department program.

In addition to expanding the area of travel for seniors, two of the vehicles used in the Northville Senior Services program have been replaced with vans which seat eight passengers and have wheelchair lifts. A spokesperson noted that the new vehicles resemble minibuses.

These vans replace two 13-passenger buses. The Senior Services program favors the smaller size as they are easier to drive around the community, which is where most of the trips transpire, and they are less costly to operate and maintain, officials explained.

Northville Parks and Recreation, which operates Senior Services, now has a fleet of six vehicles, including two vans, two 13-passenger buses and two larger buses (21 and 24 passenger,) used for day trips.

"We have a backup for each one for when they are in for maintenance, or when we have a larger trip with more passengers," Parks and Recreation Director Mark Gasche said. "The vans are new, so they should be reliable and require less maintenance," he added.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

The Charter Township of Northville is hereby giving notice that Halloween "Trick or Treat Hours" will be held on

Saturday, OCTOBER 31, 2020

BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 P.M. & 8:00 P.M.

Marjorie Banner, Clerk

Publish: October 22, 2020

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING
November 18, 2020 - 7:00 PM

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI in person with capacity restrictions **and/or** by electronic remote access via Zoom (as determined by requirements in place at the time of the meeting). For information on how to view and participate in the meeting, please visit the Township's website at https://twp.northville.mi.us. The ZBA will consider a variance request to Article 18, Schedule of Regulations, to allow a 21.6' rear yard setback where a 50' setback is required for property located at 42045 Banbury Road.

Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

Advertisement for 48515 Seven Mile Property Purchase

Sealed Bids will be received by the Clerks Department, Second Floor, Northville Township Hall, on or before Monday, November 9, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

The Township hereby solicits bids for the intent to purchase property located at: parcel # 77-030-99-0007-001 at 48515 Seven Mile Road. Information on the property is available on the Northville Township website at www.twp.northville.mi.us/projects along with all bid documents and can also be obtained from the Clerks Department, Monday through Friday from 8am-4:30pm at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

Additional information may be obtained from the Bob Belair, Department of Public Services Director at bbelair@twp.northville.mi.us. Questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of the Bob Belair, Department of Public Services via email to bbelair@twp.northville.mi.us . Questions will not be accepted after 12:00 pm on Friday, November 6, 2020.

Marjorie Banner, Township Clerk

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SYNOPSIS
REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, October 15, 2020
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor; Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk; Fred Shadko, Treasurer; Scott Frush, Trustee; Symantha Heath, Trustee; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Agendas:**
   - A. **Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items** - Approved
2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
   - A. **B.C. - Lynne Mosteller Reappointment** - Approved
   - B. **B.C. - Township Hall Beautification Award** - Presented
   - C. **Policy Presentation - Presented**
   - D. **Landfill Working committee Report** - Presented
3. **Public Hearing:**
   - A. **2021 Budget Public Hearing** - Opened and Conducted
4. **Brief Public Comments:** One resident had a comment or question for the Board of Trustees.
5. **New Business:**
   - A. **2020 Millage Rates** - Approved
   - B. **2021 Budget** - Approved
   - C. **Dues - Conference of Western Wayne** - Approved
   - D. **Allocation of TIR from Five Mile Revolving Fund** - Approved
   - E. **DVR Vehicle Cameras, Body Worn Cameras, Hardware & Service Agreement** - Approved
   - F. **SMART Municipal Credit Contract FY 2021 and CARES ACT Funding Agreement** - Approved
   - G. **Northville Community Center Bleacher Demolition and Removal** - Approved
   - H. **Marv Gans Community Park - Dog Park Fencing** - Approved
   - I. **Marv Gans Community Park - Outfield Fencing** - Approved
6. **Unfinished Business: None**
7. **Ordinances: None**
8. **Check Registry:**
   - A. **In the amount of $3,559,447.89 for the period of 9/5/20 to 10/2/20 - Approved**
9. **Board Communication & Reports:**
   - A. **Robert R Nix, Marjorie Banner, Fred Shadko, Scott Frush, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen, Todd Mutchler**
10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor
Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN
NOVEMBER 3, 2020

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP:
Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in Northville Township on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
At the following locations:

Precinct 1	Moraine Elementary	46811 Eight Mile Road
Precinct 2	Moraine Elementary	46811 Eight Mile Road
Precinct 3	Northville High School	45700 Six Mile Road
Precinct 4	Northville High School	45700 Six Mile Road
Precinct 5	Township Hall	44405 Six Mile Road
Precinct 6	Winchester Elementary	16141 Winchester
Precinct 7	Meads Mill Middle School	16700 Franklin
Precinct 8	Silver Springs Elementary	19801 Silver Springs Drive
Precinct 9	Silver Springs Elementary	19801 Silver Springs Drive
Precinct 10	Ridge Wood Elementary	49775 Six Mile Road
Precinct 11	Ridge Wood Elementary	49775 Six Mile Road
Precinct 12	Meads Mill Middle School	16700 Franklin

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Northville Township residents in Precinct 7 will be voting on the following:
- Board Member Plymouth-Canton Community School District
- Board Member Plymouth-Canton School District Partial Term Ending 12/31/2022

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Northville Township residents in Precinct 1-6 & 8-12 will be voting on the following:
- Board Member Northville Public School District

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that all Northville Township residents will be voting on the following:
- Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States
- United States Senator
- Representative in Congress 11th District
- Representative in State Legislature 20th District
- Member of the State Board of Education
- Regent of the University of Michigan
- Trustee of Michigan State University
- Governor of Wayne State University
- Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney
- Wayne County Sheriff
- Wayne County Clerk
- Wayne County Treasurer
- Wayne County Register of Deeds
- County Commissioner 9th District
- Northville Township Supervisor
- Northville Township Clerk
- Northville Township Treasurer
- Northville Township Trustee
- Justice of Supreme Court
- Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District Incumbent Position
- Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position
- Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Non-Incumbent Position
- Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position Partial Term Ending 01/01/2023
- Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position
- Judge of District Court 35th District Incumbent Position
- Board of Trustees Member Schoolcraft Community College
- Board Member Northville District Library
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  - The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to public school academies within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency which are eligible to receive enhancement millage under the Revised School Code and the following school districts:
    - Allen Park Public Schools, Crestwood School District, Dearborn City School district, Dearborn Heights School District #7 Detroit Public Schools Community District, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, School District of the City of Garden City, Gibraltar School district, Grosse Ile Township Schools, The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Hamtramck Public Schools, City of Harper Woods Schools, School District of the City of Highland Park, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools, Melvindale-Northern Allen Parks Schools, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Redford Union School District, River Rouge School District, Riverview Community School district, Romulus Community Schools, Southgate Community School District, South Redford School District, Taylor School District, Trenton Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Community School District, Westwood Community Schools, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Wyandotte City School District

A sample of each ballot is available at the Northville Township's Clerk's Department located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville MI 48168. Sample ballots can also be found at the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us.

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Marjorie F. Banner
Northville Township Clerk
(248) 348-5825

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Inkster - Romulus

New program set to light up Romulus streets

A new cooperative effort between the City of Romulus and DTE Energy may bring several areas of the community into the light.

Officials from the city and the utility company have agreed to a new streetlight project that will respond to citizen reports of broken or out-of-service lights in the city through the department of assessment.

The program was launched earlier this month as city officials asked every city department to promote and publicize the new effort on social media. If residents notice an outage or a blinking streetlight, or a streetlight illuminated during the day, they are asked to report the situation to the assessment department at (734) 942-7520 or email the report to jalbert@romulusgov.com. Callers will receive a voicemail message if they call after regular hours. Reports should include a pole number for the light which can be found on a metal tag attached to the fixture. Reporting the nearest cross street and the street on which the light is located will also help expedite the repairs, officials said.

> *Streetlights that have been damaged or vandalized or are not working properly should be reported to the department.*

Streetlights that have been damaged or vandalized or are not working properly should be reported to the department. According to DTE, those complaints should result in a normal repair within five to seven days. If the problem requires underground cable or replacing a pole, the repair could take up to 20 days, according to DTE.

Library is awarded 3 grants to fund facility upgrades

The Romulus Public Library will be improving public safety and services utilizing funding from three successful grant applications.

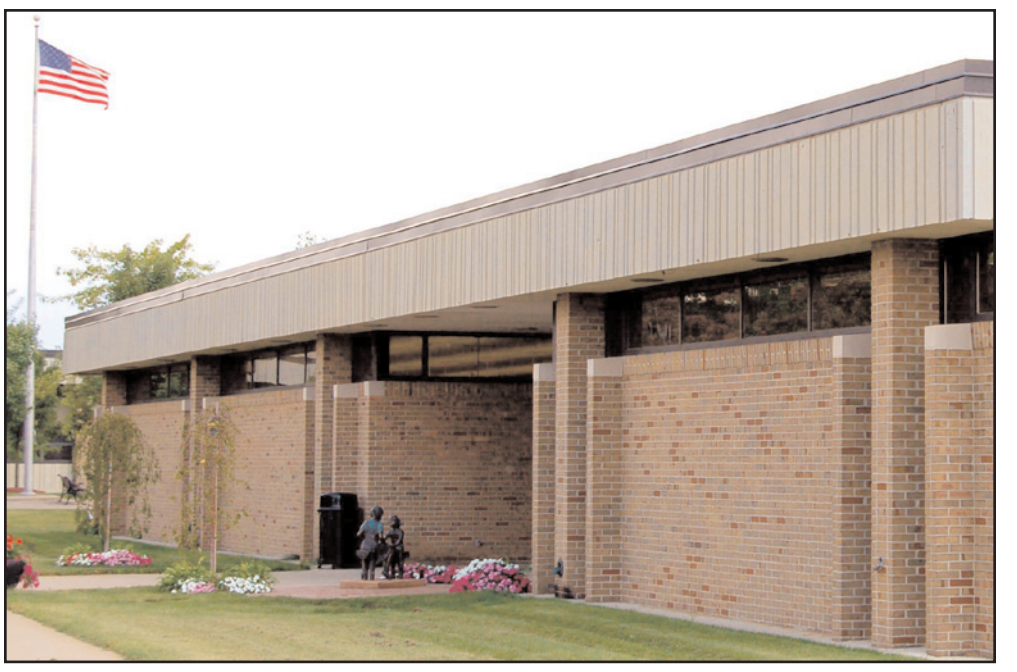
The library was awarded the three grants through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services including $500 for PPE (personal protection equipment) to protect patrons and staff against COVID-19 as the library continues to open to the public.

> *The Romulus facility was awarded $5,000 to improve digital literacy....*

In addition, the Romulus facility was awarded $5,000 to improve digital literacy in the library and in the community. This grant has been used to purchase mobile hotspots for checkout to patrons that provide internet access on the go, Kindles for checkout, and two laptops for staff to teach technology classes, a spokesman explained.

The library was also awarded a grant of $1,885 which was used to purchase educational Launchpads for checkout to adults and children at the library desk.

The successful grants were written and submitted to the state agencies by the library leadership team.



New Inkster public library building is nearly complete

The Leanna Hicks Public Library in Inkster will soon move to a new building, according to Library Director Betty Adams

Adams said that in addition to the upcoming Halloween events set at the library, she is putting the finishing touches on a new building on Hamlin Street which should be open to serve the public soon.

"What I'd like to do is what the community wants," said Adams, who started work in August.

There could be a book club, for example, said Adams, noting, "We are here and we are happy to help people."

In addition to printing help, the Leanna Hicks Public Library now is offering "curbside" service of book pick-up and return. Adams noted that's actually a small distance to the doors due to the street distance.

She is pleased with a Sept. 28 event at the Inkster library that was well-attended and focused on local resources. Inkster Councilwoman La'Jina Washington attended, and the Friends of the Library also participated.

Several medical service providers participated, and the local League of Women Voters brought Voter Guides, said Adams. "We had our archivist out with some historical information," she said.

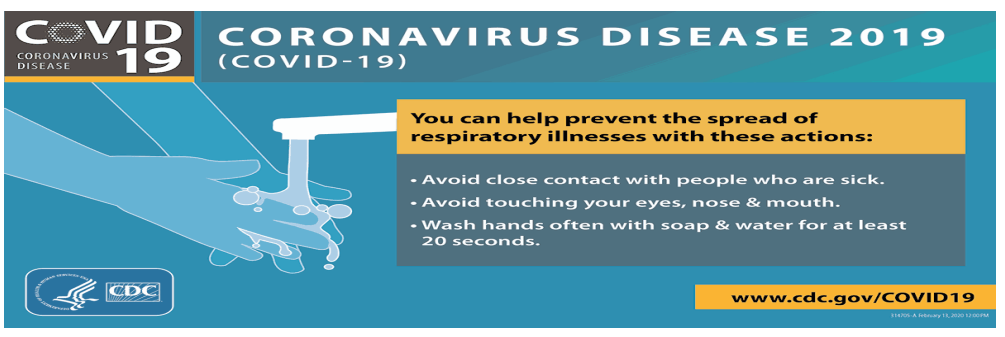
"The catalog is fully operational," Adams said of the book pickup through the nearby parking lot, after you peruse the website with your library card."

'Gang shooting' under investigation

The investigation into what police characterized as a "gang related" shooting last week in Inkster remains under investigation.

According to police reports, detectives from the Michigan State Police Special Investigation Section and Michigan State Police troopers were called to 29847 Steinhauer in Inkster at about 10 p.m. Oct. 9 following reports of a shooting. Responding officers found two gunshot victims at the scene, a 20-year-old man and a 22-year-old man, both of Inkster. The men were transported to a local hospital for treatment and were in stable condition at last report.

According to witnesses, several suspects wearing hoodies came from a nearby abandoned house and began shooting, striking the two men. Police said they had not yet determined who the target of the gunfire was. Police added that the incident was believed to be gang related and that the investigation is continuing.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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Romulus
Public Accuracy Test

To the qualified electors of the City of Romulus, Wayne County, and State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precincts 1-12 for the November 3, 2020 Presidential/General Election is scheduled for
Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Community Room (lower level) 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan Election Law. (MCL 168.798(1)

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Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540.

A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
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NOTICE OF ELECTION
City of Romulus, Michigan
November 3, 2020 - Presidential/General Election

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS ON **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following offices will appear on the ballot:
United States President, Vice President, United States Senator, Representative in Congress - 13th District, State Legislature - 12th District, Member of the State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University, Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney, Wayne County Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County Commissioner - 11th District, Justice of Supreme Court, Judge of Court of Appeals - 1st District - Incumbent Position, Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit - Incumbent position, Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit - Non-Incumbent position, Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit - Incumbent position Partial Term Ending 01/01/2023, Judge of Probate Court - Incumbent Position, Judge of District Court - 34th District - Incumbent position, Board of Trustees Member - Wayne County Community College - 9th District, Board Member Romulus Community School District

The following State proposals will appear on the ballot:

PROPOSAL 20-1

A proposed constitutional amendment to allow money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spent
This proposed constitutional amendment would:
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Should this proposal be adopted? **YES [ ] NO [ ]**

PROPOSAL 20-2

A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications
This proposed constitutional amendment would:
Prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person's electronic data and electronic communications. Require a search warrant to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications, under the same conditions currently required for government to obtain a search warrant to search a person's house or seize a person's things.
Should this proposal be adopted? **YES [ ] NO [ ]**

The following Regional proposal will appear on the ballot:

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal Proposal

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YES [ ] NO [ ]

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Romulus City Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, or by calling (734) 942-7540.

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1, 7 & 10	Romulus Middle School, 37300 Wick Road
2 & 4	Halecreek Elementary School, 16200 Harrison Road
3, 8, & 9	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road
5	Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins Street
6	West Village Estates, 7040 Shawnee Drive
11	Barth Elementary School, 38207 Barth Road
12	Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road
	(All located in Romulus, MI)

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BELLEVILLE

Voters to choose Van Buren school board trustees

Voters in the City of Belleville and Sumpter and Van Buren townships will chose four members of the school board during the Nov. 3 election.

Five Van Buren Township residents are seeking the four open seats on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

Voters will chose from incumbents Susan K. Featheringill, Kelly Owen and Simone Pinter who are being challenged by Nicole Falconer and Terrance C. Goff.

Incumbent **Susan K. Featheringill**, 63, is a retired assistant superintendent for business operations at the Taylor School District.

She earned her Master of Arts degree in educational leadership at Eastern Michigan University and has a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting from Cleary College of Business.

She is a past member of Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative, elected to the board for 2001-2005; vice president, 2005-2006; and president, 2006-2007 and also served on the board of Wayne County School Business Officials, as secretary 1996-97; treasurer, 1997-98; vice president, 1998-99; and president, 1999-2000. She is currently an emeritus member.

She also has been a member of the Michigan Association of School Boards since January 2017.

Her civil involvement includes Girls Scouts of America Council, Southeastern Michigan Finance Committee, Women's Study Club, Staff Parish Committee, Sunday School Teacher, Junior Girl Scout Leader, Children's Choir Director, Church Finance Committee, Joyful Noise music ministry from 2015 to present, and Church Administrative Council chairperson from January 2017 to August 2018.

Featheringill has lived in the school district for 47 years. She and her husband are the parents of two adult children.

Incumbent **Kelly Owen**, 57, has an associate's degree and is a homemaker.

A resident of the district for 28 years, she has served on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education for eight years. She was previously a member of the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation where she served for eight years and was active with the Parent Teacher Organizations while her children were in school, serving on various volunteer committees for events. 42607 Maude Ct., Van Buren Township, is running for reelection to the school board.

She and her husband have been married for 26 years and are the parents of three adult children.

Incumbent **Simone Pinter**, 58, has been a resident of the school district for 39 years.

She is a retired florist and attended both high school and trade school. She is active with Relay for Life and the Moose Lodge.

She and her husband are the parents of three children.

Dionne Falconer, 47, has lived in the district for eight years.

She is a Regulation Agent with the Michigan State Unemployment Office and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration at Ferris State University and a Master of Arts degree in Business Administration/Ebusiness from the University of Phoenix..

She is active with the Tyler Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization and is vice president of AGAPE Uniting Families for Christ couples' ministry.

She and her husband are the parents of three children.

She was also on the school board ballot in 2018.

Terrance C. Goff, 48, has lived in the school district for three years. He is employed as a building inspector and earned his high school degree. This is his first run for public office.

Goff served an appointed position for a three-year term on a Farmington Hills charter school.

He was also a parent coordinator for the Detroit Youth Choir prior to seeking election to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

He and his wife are the parents of three daughters.

Bottled up

Members of the Belleville Rotary Club and the Rotary Passport to Service Club are coordinating a water bottle drive for children attending Van Buren Public Schools in kindergarten through sixth grade. The bottles are needed as water fountains in the school buildings are not available. Rotary Club President Debra Green, left, delivers bottles to district administrative assistant Debbie McWilliams and Superintendent of Schools Pete Kudlak Oct. 15. The effort will continue through October and clean, new or used bottles can be donated at the Belleville Library.The club also purchased more than 50 sets of school supplies donated to local elementary schools.The Belleville Rotary Club members meet at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville. Photo by Brian Pearcy

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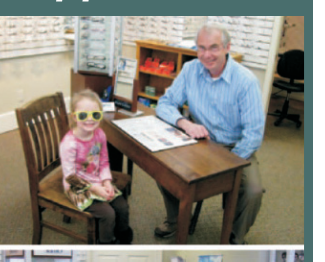

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Halloween

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to cancel Halloween or restrict the free movement of residents.

Plymouth residents who choose to participate in trick or treating should adhere to any public health recommendations from the Wayne County Health Department, Centers for Disease Control, State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and any executive order from the Governor's office, noted a prepared statement from officials.

"Be safe and operate with common sense, such as wear a mask; social distancing if not in the same household; any household with a positive case should not participate; any individuals with symptoms should not participate; and follow any other guidance from public health officials. Be sure to have a light and wear reflective clothing," the statement noted. "Be smart and be safe."

INKSTER

Halloween fun is on tap at the Leanna Hicks Public Library of Inkster on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Families can register children for the outdoor event by calling the library at (313) 563-2822 and pressing "0". The party begins at 1 p.m. Oct. 31. Children are encouraged to wear their costume, enjoy a story, make slime, and collect goodies. Dress for the weather, organizers added.

The Leanna Hicks Public Library is registering new library cards and renewing cards by appointment by calling (313) 563-2822 Mondays - Thursdays between 1-4 p.m. The most up-to-date information can be found on the website at https://inkster.lib.mi.us/

WESTLAND

The annual Malloween event sponsored by the City of Westland, the Westland Shopping Center and Parkside Credit Union has been canceled this year due to health concerns and the threat posed by the pandemic.

"This was a tough decision to make because our annual MALLoween event is highly attended," commented Mayor William R. Wild.

"Due to the large number of attendees and limitations on large gatherings, we agreed we would be unable to conduct the event in a manner that ensures the state's safety recommendations were followed."

Westland officials said they would not regulate trick-or-treating around the community. Decisions on whether or not to do so will be left at the discretion of parents and their respective neighborhoods, officials said.

As in years past, the City of Westland will be sponsoring a Halloween Decorating Contest which will continue through Nov. 1.

Residents can visit the city website to nominate themselves or a friend in one or all of the three categories: Best Autumn Display, Best Spooky Display and Most Over the Top Display. Nominees will be asked to enter a picture along with their submission.

"The Department of Neighborhood Services team will be out and about in neighborhoods in search of those residents who have gone the extra mile to decorate their homes in a fun and festive manner," commented Wild. "They will be the judges this year and will make the final decision on who wins."

Winners will be announced and awarded with prizes at the council meeting on Monday, Nov. 16.

Officials from the CDC also urged caution regarding trick or treating and suggested families find alternatives to minimize the risk of contacting the coronavirus for those who opt to participate in the event.

High risk activities include door-to-door trick or treating and indoor crowded costume parties. large parking lots or using alcohol or drugs which can cloud judgment and increase risky behavior, the officials said.

For more guidelines from the CDC, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html.

Sumpter

Trustee and write-in candidate blast claims of primary winner

> *The damage done to the township, to the reputation of our community, along with the expense to our taxpayers, is serious.*

While the primary election may have appeared to limit voters' choice for Sumpter Township treasurer to a single Democratic candidate, township voters will, in fact, have another choice with write-in candidate Vincent Warren.

Warren, who was defeated by Jim Clark in the primary election by 140 votes, said he was prompted to launch a write-in campaign following the controversy regarding election procedures in which Clark and his wife, Toni Clark, were involved. Toni Clark falsely accused Sumpter Township Trustee Tim Rush of inappropriately pulling a tally tape from a voting machine and called township police to report the incident. Her claims, supported by her husband, were proven false by surveillance tapes of the voting process which completely dispelled her unfounded allegations. Rush presented the tapes, validated by the police department, at a meeting of the township board members to prove he had done nothing inappropriate or illegal.

"That video evidence was very, very significant," Rush said, noting that he had reached a recent out-of-court settlement regarding the publishing of Clark's claims. Rush said that the settlement included a significant financial penalty from the publisher but declined to provide details.

That voting machine controversy and false claims regarding township finances motivated Warren to seek the office of township treasurer, he said.

"I was prompted to run as a write-in following the dispute and complaints launched by Clark and his wife," Warren said. "I felt their actions were insulting to the township and they insulted and humiliated the board of elections chairman."

Warren said he was further concerned with some of the false and misleading claims made by Clark concerning funds missing from the township.

A subsequent audit and two previous independent audits of township funds found no financial discrepancies or errors, according to official township records.

"It shows a lack of integrity," Warren said. "He needs to validate those kinds of claims and he won't because he can't."

Rush, too, was critical of the claims of Clark which were published.

"The damage done to the township, to the reputation of our community, along with the expense to our taxpayers, is serious," Rush said. "We incurred attorney fees for an audit and investigation of the claims, our police department had to investigate and respond to the false complaint and report. The costs to taxpayers of the Clarks' actions were significant," he said.

Current Treasurer Kenneth Bednark who opted not to seek reelection, also withdrew his previous support of Clark and criticized his conduct and disputed any claims of missing township funds.

Warren, 51, has lived in Sumpter for 11 years although his family has been in the community for more than 70 years, he said. He and his wife have nine children, two of whom still live at home and attend Belleville High School where their siblings graduated.

Warren is employed with the Department of Veterans Affairs and is an advocate for veterans' rights throughout the state and part of Ohio.

He said that experience gives him real insight into financial matters which prompted his initial efforts during the primary. He said he intends to increase his campaigning as a write-in candidate with mailers and signs to let voters know they have a choice between two Democrats for the office.

Warren said his initial candidacy during the primary was prompted by the conduct and lack of performance by current h Bednark notified township officials in February that he would "be working from home" due to "personal and professional" responsibilities. Since then, prior to the COVID 19 mandates, Bednark has not attended any board meetings or been in the township office, although he continues to collect his $19,000 annual salary. Bednark has denied Clark's published claims of missing funds which prompted board members to authorize an investigation by township attorney Rob Young into the allegation.

"This office needs someone focused on the job who is community centered. We need someone who will conduct themselves honestly and professionally," Warren said.

Rush, a Republican, said he vigorously supports Warren's write-in effort.

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